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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1700 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Hiroshi IWAMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4397

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING DISSIMILAR MATERIAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.